(a) the names of such offices under his Ministry/Department which do not have a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter so far; and

(c) the action taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Deptt. of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) No office has reported the unavailability of Hindi typing facility. Progressively, manual typewriters are being replaced in the Ministry by computers which can be used to type in both Hindi and English.

Training of Hindi Typing and Shorthand

5636. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such typists and stenographers in his Ministry/ Department and subordinate offices who have not received training of Hindi typing or Hindi shorthand; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not giving them such training so far and by when they are supposed to be given such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) As per information available, till date, 21 typists and 16 stenographers, in the Ministry of Textiles as also its subordinate officers located in Mumbai and Calcutta out of 88 typists and 42 stenographers are yet to receive training in Hindi typing and shorthand, respectively. A roster has been prepared for the training. Due to exigencies of services, it is not always possible to sent the officials nominated for training as per schedule. However, every attempt is made to give training as per the targets set.